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In re Application of: **ROMAIN**  
Serial No.: **09/914,172**  
Filed: **AUGUST 24, 2001**  
For: **METHOD FOR PROVIDING SECURITY TO A CHAINING OF OPERATIONS  
PERFORMED BY AN ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF  
EXECUTING AN ALGORITHM**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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